



Tyngsborough Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

**Tyngsborough Town Hall
25 Bryants Lane
Tyngsborough, MA**

February 7, 2013 6:30 PM, Community Room 1

Members Present: Robert Mullin, Chairman (RM) Linda Geyer (LG)
Darryl Wickens (DW) Scott Hammer (SH)
Chris Mellen, Vice Chair (CM)

Attendees: Nina Nazarian, Assistant Town Administrator
Alison Page, Recreation Department Manager
Tim Madden, Fire Chief

VOTE: DW voted to start the meeting at 6:30, seconded by SH all in favor 5-0-0

Item 1: Review and discussion of Fire Department Budget

Presented by Tim Madden, Fire Chief

Tim explained that a 2% increase in salary and wages added \$30K to the salary budget. This was a negotiated increase at the end of last year. In addition there is an increase due to the adding on site personnel and to fill the deputy chief position. In addition the fire department will be adding full time coverage around the clock.

CM asked if the Fire department had a way of backing up the highway department during the storm. Tim explained that the FD helps with snow removal. Tim also stated that gasoline costs were tracked by volume to get the best average cost per gallon. There are 400 hydrants in town. If a resident lives over 500 ft. from a hydrant they may require a special insurance policy.

SH asked if the protective clothing budget was going to be reduced in FY2014. Per Tim, yes the protective clothing budget was done. The final bill will come in later in this year. Same with additional equipment budget.

The review and presentation was concluded at 6:50 pm

Item 2: Review of Recreation Budget

Presented by Alison Page, Recreation Department Manager

Per Alison the budget presented was that of a level fund. It included the elimination of membership fees. Other than that no items were changed.

Billboard Stabilization fund. The billboard on town propertyeach year contract the funds has been subsidize several budgets one being the recreation.

In the spring we will be able to transfer from other funds to close out the FY2013 to the field maintenance line item that will be in the negative. Currently the riverfront property is not under the recreation budget.

The review and presentation was concluded at 7:00 pm

Item 3: Committee updates

DW on the Community Preservation Committee: Signs, we have signs currently being designed. Once we have reviewed samples we will then decide and go forward.

DW on Affordable housing, Housing Authority is asking for funds possibly for two duplexes to be built on the land at RedPines for the addition of 4 affordable houses

DW on the Old Town Hall renovation, moving forward as planned

CM on the Sewer committee study: not met with yet. Expect to meet in March

RM on a request from highway department. Currently they are expected to go over budget due to snow and ice removal.

Vote: LG motion, DW seconded: to authorize the highway to use additional funds of \$50,000. They still have \$45,000 in the account. All in favor 5-0-0

Next meeting is expected to be on Feb 11th **Tri-Board.

We may add a meeting on (Feb 21st possible) , Feb 28th. Next official meeting is March 7th.

Vote: Motion to adjourn at 7:05 DW seconded by CM 5-0-0

Prepared by: Linda L. Geyer, Clerk, Finance Committee